

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024, 3:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

Present were Mayor Wear, Vice Mayor McClure, Commissioner Ogle, Commissioner Watts, Commissioner Whaley, City Manager Teaster, Assistant City Manager Brackins, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Rowell, and interested parties.

Items discussed were as follows.

1. **Review and discussion of bid for the Old Mill bridge repair** – Tommy Snyder and Jeffrey Stevens were in attendance to discuss. Mr. Snyder noted that work would be done on the concrete deck, rails, and beams. It will be done in 2 phases while trying to keep pedestrian path open as long as possible. The bridge will need to be closed when working on beams. The project is scheduled for 150-180 days and estimated to be closed about 2 months, although not continuously. Water will have to be interrupted across bridge but there should not be a time when anyone is without water. The plan would be to work underneath the bridge October through December and on the deck January through March.

Following discussion, council generally agreed to put on upcoming agenda for consideration.

2. **Review and discussion of the construction manager at risk process for the Douglas lake in-take and water line project** – Cory Newman and Zack Daniels with LDA discussed the timeline of the project and how it would be done in phases. It was noted that the request would be similar to the process used for the public safety buildings currently under construction due to the method reducing the municipality's overall potential risks by providing a predictable budget with cost overruns covered by the construction manager.

Following discussion, council generally agreed to put on upcoming agenda when staff and engineer are ready to move forward.

3. **Review and discussion of bid for Cain Hollow sewer project** – Cory Newman with LDA discussed the engineers estimate was approximately \$3.5 million. However, the sole bid came in at \$6,942,655. It is the recommended to reject the bid and rebid separating the bid into multiple components.

Following discussion, council generally agreed to put on upcoming agenda to reject and rebid.

- 4. **Review and discussion of Ordinance No. 2024-1165, the Stormwater Ordinance** – Community Development Director Taylor and Stormwater Manager Williams discussed the proposed update to the stormwater ordinance.

Following discussion, council generally agreed to put on upcoming agenda for consideration.

- 5. **Review and discussion of a lease with TDOT for parking on the State Right-of-Way at 2075 Parkway** – Community Development Director Taylor asked that this item be tabled so that staff had more time to review before discussing further.

Per staff request, council will wait for staff to review before discussing further.

- 6. **Review and discussion of extending Music Mountain Drive approximately 200 feet** – Community Development Director Taylor presented and noted that a parcel isn't allowed to subdivide off private road. It has to be from public road. Mr. Taylor noted that property owner has requested extending Music Mountain Drive approximately 200 feet and asked if built to city standards, if city would object to taking over road.

Following discussion, council generally agreed to have staff work with property owner to present to planning commission for consideration.

- 7. **Review and discussion of the City's Beer Ordinance** – City Attorney Rowell presented and discussed two new potential permit types. One would be for an outdoor theater attraction and the other would be for a themed outdoor restaurant. It was discussed if this would change the permit type of any existing theater attraction serving food.

Following discussion, council generally agreed to have city attorney work on a draft to add a permit type for an outdoor theater attraction and bring back for further discussion.

After general discussion, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER